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TITLE OF INVENTION: SYSTEM FOR MANAGING OBJECTS BASED ON POSITION DATA

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Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154 (b)

(application filed on or after May 29, 2000)

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Notice of Allowability	Application No. 09/970,968	Applicant(s) KURAMOCHI, SHINGO
	Examiner JEAN B. FLEURANTIN	Art Unit 2162

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTO-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to 02/11/2009.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-25.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date See Continuation Sheet
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

/Jean B. Fleurantin/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2162

Continuation of Attachment(s) 3.

Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date: 03/24/2008, 01/3/2007 and 06/22/2006.

DETAILED ACTION

1. This is in response to applicant's arguments filed on 02/11/2009.

The following is the status of claims:

Claims 1-25 remain pending for examination.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed on 02/11/2009, with respect to the pending claims have been fully considered and persuasive, as a result, the amendment to the claims overcome the rejection. Therefore, the rejection of the last Office action has been withdrawn.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

With respect to claims 1-25 are allowed over the prior art of record.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to the independent claim 1, the claimed features "a database which stores map data of the management area and position data of a tangible object to be managed in relation to attribute data of the object to be managed used for identifying the object to be managed, wherein the portable terminal machine displays a map of the management area in the building and a position of the object to be managed on the map according to the coordinate data in the database transferred from the host computer to the portable terminal machine and the physical surrounding attributes, and wherein the management area in the building contains fixed items and the object to be managed is displayed in reference to the fixed items" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims are not suggested, anticipated or found to be obvious over the prior art made of record. With respect to the independent claim 3, the claimed features "a database which stores map data of the management area and position data of a tangible object to be managed in relation to attribute data of the object to be managed used for identifying the object to be managed, wherein the portable terminal machine includes a data synchronization unit for synchronizing data in the database stored in a data storing unit of the portable terminal machine with data in the database held in the host computer" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims are not suggested, anticipated or found to be obvious over the prior art made of record. With respect to the independent claim 6, the claimed features "a database, which database is output by the host computer on request, in which retrieval information and position information of tangible objects to be managed in the management area are held in relation to each other, the floor map including physical attributes of both the object to be managed and attributes of an environment surrounding the object to be managed, and wherein the one of the floor maps of the management area contains fixed items and the object to be managed is displayed in reference to the fixed items" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims are not suggested, anticipated or found to be obvious over the prior art made of record. With respect to the independent claim 7, the claimed features "arranged to display a position of a tangible object to be managed in relation to a

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management area in a building, a map display unit displaying the map of the area and a position of the object to be managed on the map according to the map data and the position data in the database when a match is identified by the searching unit, wherein the management area in the building contains fixed items and the object to be managed is displayed in reference to the fixed items" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims are not suggested, anticipated or found to be obvious over the prior art made of record. With respect to the independent claim 9, the claimed features "arranged to display a position of a tangible object to be managed in relation to a management area in a building, a map display unit displaying the map of the area and a position of the object to be managed on the map according to the map data and the position data in the database when a match is identified by the searching unit; and a management information display unit for displaying management information of the object to be managed according to the attribute data in the database when the searching unit identifies the match" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims are not suggested, anticipated or found to be obvious over the prior art made of record. With respect to the independent claims 10 and 12, the claimed features "managing data of a tangible object to be managed in a management area of a building, a map display unit displaying the map of the area according to the map data in the database and displaying the position and shape of the object on the map, wherein the management area in the building contains fixed items and the object to be managed is displayed in reference to the fixed items" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims are not suggested, anticipated or found to be obvious over the prior art made of record. With respect to the independent claim 13, the claimed features "storing a database that includes map data used to display an area of management area of a building in which a plurality of tangible objects to be managed are placed as a map, displaying on the portable terminal the position of the specific object to be managed in the area on the map on the portable terminal according to the map data and the position data read from the database, wherein the management area in the building contains fixed items and the specific object to be managed is displayed in reference to the fixed items" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims are not suggested, anticipated or found to be obvious over the prior art made of record. With respect to the independent claim 17, the claimed features "managed in a specific area of a management area of a building, wherein the map data and the position

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data are stored in a database; wherein the management area in the building contains fixed items and the specific object to be managed is displayed in reference to the fixed items" in conjunction with other elements of the independent claims are not suggested, anticipated or found to be obvious over the prior art made of record.

The dependent claims, being definite, further limiting, and fully enabled by the specification are also allowed.

The closest prior art, Naito et al., USPT No. 5,867,110 relates to a communication system in which a host computer communicates various information to portable terminals.

Kobayashi et al., USPT No. 6,263,347 relates to a system for linking data between a computer and a portable remote terminal enabling data extracted from a personal computer into a portable remote terminal to be edited and applied freely and a data linking method therefor.

Inaki et al., USPT No. 5,835,916 relates to relates generally to a document preparing apparatus with a tabulation function for making a table.

Fujita et al., USPT No. 5,544,052 relates to a method for displaying graphic data by a designated map projection in a digital cartographic system for geographical information processing but fail to teach the above limitations.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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CONTACT INFORMATION

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to JEAN B. FLEURANTIN whose telephone number is (571)272-4035. The examiner can normally be reached on 10:00 to 6:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOHN E. BREENE can be reached on 571 - 272-4107. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2162